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NOTE TO: [REDACTED]
Ch/Middle America Caribbean Division/ALA

SUBJECT: Nicaraguan Cross-Border Operations

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At the NIC meeting with the DCI on
Wednesday, [REDACTED] raised the subject of
Nicaraguan cross-border operations in the
Honduras. The DCI asked [REDACTED] to prepare some
talking points that the DCI could send to
George Shultz before his trip to Costa Rica.

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Attachment:
As stated

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DCI Talking Paper
Nicaragua/Honduras: Escalation of Hostilities
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Sandinista reinforcement of the border with Honduras, and new cross-border operations, aim at raising the cost to the Honduran Government of support to the rebels and increasing pressure for a bilateral border settlement similar to the one being negotiated with Costa Rica. If attacks continue, the Honduran Government could be forced to protect its sovereignty or accede to Nicaraguan objectives.

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--Without rapid and organized Honduran Government preparations for larger operations by the Sandinistas across the border, the Sandinistas could score some successes against the insurgents and their supply lines and severely embarrass the Hondurans.

Continued hostile activity along the border increases the potential for Sandinista forces to fire on US military personnel in Honduras.

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